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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE MAY MEETING OF THE BIRD CLUB will be held at the Nurses' Home of the Jewish Hospital, 306 South Kingshighway, at 8:00 P.M. The date is Wednesday May 15th. Some recent theories of bird migration will be discussed by Charles H. Philpott. His explanation of this baffling mystery will no doubt be of interest to all.

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## THE REFLOODED MARSH

The present decimated status of the duck population in the United States is due in a large extent to the fact that throughout the country there has been a continual draining of swamp land and low-lying lakes. These territories in former times before the advent of modern draining methods supported an abundant duck population which was more numerous than we at the present time can imagine.

Horseshoe lake and the surrounding territory is an example of this wanton destruction of marshes and swamps with the avowed purpose of thereby gaining increased agricultural lands, but as is evident to the most casual observer with no tangible results at all. The restoration of these Illinois swamp lands to their former glory would be an achievement in conservation of our wild game.

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## ONE-LEGGED ROBIN

The following communication whose author we are not at liberty to name we feel will be of interest to everyone.

"With eager expectation we await the first song birds in the spring. The robin is one of the first to arrive each year. The nest building period is now beginning for the birds and their efforts are a constant source of pleasure to all who watch their labors.

"The robin is an example. Encouraged by her mate the female robin gathers nesting material such as roots, strips of cloth, strings, etc. to begin building the nest. Then she gathers mud with which she plasters the inside of the nest and forms its shape with her own body. Of course her feathers get muddy in the process and she will gladly avail herself of the opportunity to clean them in the neighboring bird bath. Then final process consists in locating bits of string and cotton to line the nest.

"While engaged in gathering string the bird ~~while~~ in a while become entangled and unless the bird is freed, it will perish. Once I was lucky enough to be able to free a robin thus entangled. The poor bird had broken a leg and was unable to use it. I was compelled to relieve her by removing the useless member. For some reason or other she did not regain the use of her wings till late in the summer.

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Since your present editor will leave St. Louis for an extended period, Mr. L. M. Weber will assume the duties of editing the Bulletin beginning with the June issue.

We wish to express our appreciation to all who by their kindly suggestions have contributed to the success of the Bulletin as well as to the all the readers who had patience with our humble efforts.

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The next meeting promises to be outstanding and a large attendance is expected.

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Don't forget to send in your field observations made during the month of May in time to be included in the June issue.

## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

The Spring Migration is almost over and with its passing our weekly walks have been discontinued. However, our interest should not wane as there are many things to observe, such as nesting habits, how the young are reared and many other interesting points.

Those of us who have cameras can now use them to good advantage in photographing various phases of the home life around those nests that we are fortunate enough to locate.

Many of us do not have cameras yet we can spend many pleasant hours observing how the young are fed, how they are kept warm, how many times each parent visits the nest, and so forth.

Occasionally one is fortunate enough to observe a family of birds attempting to educate the younger members. Such was my fortunate experience several years ago when I saw a pair of robins on the broad lawn of a college campus giving their young instructions. For two hours fine entertainment was provided and the young probably learned something.

Keep your eyes open and probably you can be rewarded with such a performance.

## HAVE YOU THIS BOOK ?

American Bird Biographies by Arthur A. Allen (Comstock Publishing Co., Ithaca, N. Y. 1934; cloth, pp. i-viii & 1-238; price, \$3.50).

Dr. Allen's bird stories which have been appearing in 'Bird Lore' for several years are now available in book form. This book takes up the life histories of twenty common birds. The volume is particularly fine for younger readers although all ages will appreciate it.

ONE-LEGGED ROBIN  
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During this entire period the male was in constant attendance and fed his mate as he did the young. Finally the mother bird regained command of her wings and was able to fly about and balance on her one leg and gather her own food.

"This one-legged robin returned for two successive years with her mate and built her nest in the nearby trees.

"The value to be gained by caring for a crippled bird is evident from this story."

THE REFLOODED MARSH  
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Another example of what could be done along these lines is afforded by Creve Coeur lake. By the construction of a small dam this could be made into a veritable mecca for all manner of wild fowl.

That this is no idle dream is proved by what is being done in other places.

In central Wisconsin there once lay a huge marsh famous for its immense numbers of ducks and other wild fowl. This Horicon Marsh was drained for the purpose of supplying agricultural land. But the project was found to be useless. The land was largely unfertile and grew little else but coarse marsh grasses.

Through the efforts of conservation minded people of Wisconsin, particularly Louis (Curley) Radke, president of the Wisconsin Izaak Walton League, the marsh has been to a large extent restored to its former glory through the construction of a small dam. Recently over a thousand ducks were banded and released on the marsh. There is no doubt that Horicon Marsh is restored. We have an opportunity.-R.A.D.

MEETING OF ST. LOUIS BIRD CLUB  
(April 17, 1935)

Mr. L. M. Dougan, vice-president of the club, presided at this meeting in the absence of Dr. Hetler who was ill.

Announcements of coming bird walks were made.

Jack Stupp spoke briefly on the status of House Bill 216 as he had learned from a recent trip to Jefferson City.

Bird Club members were urged to write to Governor Park and any of the state senators of rural districts in a further effort to have the bill amended in the hawk, owl, and eagle bounty clause.

The program was furnished in a delightfully informal talk about the foreign birds and the bird house of the St. Louis Zoo, given by the curator, Mr. H. M. Kennon. Mr. Kennon told interesting tales of the feeding and care of these birds and opened many eyes to the complications of diet that need real dieticians to keep the birds healthy. Stories of some foreign birds that are closely related to our native species were told. After the talk, Mr. Kennon was kept busy answering the many questions of his interested audience.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

Place: Jewish Hospital Nurses' Home

Attendance: twenty-nine.

FIELD OBSERVATIONS

The reports of field observations found on the following pages will be continued next month. Please send your observations according to the new A. O. U. check list to facilitate compilation if it is at all possible. We have appreciated the reports we received this past month and hope more will contribute to the June issue.

## FIELD OBSERVATIONS

(Address communications relative to this department to Mr. L. M. Weber, 3006 Elliot Avenue, St. Louis, Mo.)

The birds observed in the St. Louis region by members of the Bird Club will be listed monthly as follows. The subsequent report is for the month of April. Please send your observations made during May to Mr. Weber not later than June 3rd. We have received a particularly complete report from William Jenner of Fayette, Mo. which we are incorporating with our own observations in those cases where a difference is apparent.

BIRD OBSERVED	TIME OF MONTH	PLACE	OBSERVERS
1. Pied-billed Grebe..	Suitable	localities throughout	the month
2. White Pelican.....	April 21.....	Fayette.....	Jenner
3. Double-crested			
	Cormorant.....	April 13.....	Sherman.....Weber
4. Great Blue Heron...	Suitable	localities throughout	the month
	April 20.....	Sherman.....	Weber
5. E. Green Heron.....	April 24.....	Forest Park.....	Selle
6. American Bittern...	April 20.....	O'Fallon Park.....	Weber
7. Canada Goose.....	To be found in	Forest Park	
8. Black Crowned			
	Night Heron...	April 27.....	Creve Coeur.....Zahm
9. C. Mallard.....	Suitable	localities throughout	the month
10. American Pintail...	Suitable	localities throughout	the month
11. Blue-winged Teal...	Suitable	localities throughout	the month
12. Shoveller.....	Suitable	localities throughout	the month
13. Ring-necked Duck...	Suitable	localities throughout	the month
14. Canvas-back.....	April 5th.....	Fayette.....	Jenner
15. L. Scaup Duck.....	Suitable	localities throughout	the month
16. Turkey Vulture.....	April 20th.....	Sherman.....	Weber
	April 21st.....	Fayette.....	Jenner
17. Sparrow Hawk.....	Suitable	localities throughout	the month
18. Bob-white.....	To be found in	Forest Park and suitable	localities throughout the month
9. Red-tailed Hawk....	April 14th.....	St. Louis, Mo.....	Dede
20. American Coot.....	Suitable	localities throughout	the month
21. Virginia Rail.....	April 27th.....	Fayette.....	Jenner
22. Killdeer.....	Suitable	localities throughout	the month
23. Wilson's Snipe.....	Suitable	localities throughout	the month
24. Upland Plover.....	April 21st.....	Fayette.....	Jenner
25. Spotted Sandpiper..	Suitable	localities throughout	the month
26. Solitary Sandpiper.	Suitable	localities throughout	the month
27. Greater Yellow-			
	legs.....	Throughout April...	Fayette.....Jenner
28. Lesser Yellowlegs..	Suitable	localities throughout	the month
29. Pectoral Sandpiper.	April 21st.....	Fayette.....	Jenner
30. Common Tern.....	April 29th.....	Sherman.....	Weber
31. Mourning Dove.....	Suitable	localities throughout	the month
32. Chimney Swift.....	April 5th.....	Fayette.....	Jenner
33. E. Whip-poor-will..	April 29th.....	Sherman.....	Weber
34. E. Nighthawk.....	April 30th.....	Forest Park.....	Dede
35. Kingfisher.....	Suitable	localities throughout	the month

BIRD OBSERVED	TIME OF MONTH	PLACE	OBSERVERS
36. N. Flicker.....	Suitable localities throughout the month		
37. Pileated Woodpecker..	Sherman throughout the month.....		Weber
38. Red-bellied Wood- pecker.....	Suitable localities throughout the month		
39. Red-headed Wood- pecker.....	Suitable localities throughout the month		
40. Yellow-bellied Sapsucker.....	April 10th.....	Forest Park.....	Dede
41. E. Hairy Wood- pecker.....	Suitable localities throughout the month		
42. N. Downy Wood- pecker.....	Suitable localities throughout the month		
43. Kingbird.....	April 21st.....	Fayette.....	Jenner
	April 27th.....	Creve Coeur.....	Zahm
44. N. Crested Fly- catcher.....	April 25th.....	Fayette.....	Jenner
	April 27th.....	Creve Coeur.....	Zahm
45. Phoebe.....	Suitable localities throughout the month		
46. Wood Pewee.....	April 29th.....	Forest Park.....	Selle
47. P. Horned Lark.....	Suitable localities throughout the month		
48. Tree Swallow.....	April 27th.....	Creve Coeur.....	Zahm
49. Rough-winged Swallow.....	April 21st.....	Fayette.....	Jenner
50. Barn Swallow.....	April 5th.....	Fayette.....	Jenner
51. Purple Martin.....	Suitable localities throughout the month		
52. Blue Jay.....	Suitable localities throughout the month		
53. E. Crow.....	Suitable localities throughout the month		
54. Black-capped Chickadee.....	Suitable localities throughout the month		
55. Tufted Titmouse.....	Suitable localities throughout the month		
56. White-breasted Nut hatch.....	Suitable localities throughout the month		
57. Brown Creeper.....	April 27th.....	Creve Coeur.....	Zahm
58. W. House Wren.....	April 15th.....	Fayette.....	Jenner
59. Carolina Wren.....	Suitable localities throughout the month		
60. E. Mockingbird.....	Suitable localities throughout the month		
61. Catbird.....	April 23rd.....	Fayette.....	Jenner
	April 27th.....	Creve Coeur.....	Zahm
	April 29th.....	Sherman.....	Weber
62. Brown Thrasher.....	Suitable localities throughout the month		
63. E. Robin.....	Suitable localities throughout the month		
64. Wood Thrush.....	April 14th.....	Fayette.....	Jenner
	April 15th.....	Sherman.....	Weber
	April 29th.....	Forest Park.....	Selle
65. Hermit Thrush.....	April 27th.....	Creve Coeur.....	Zahm
66. Olive-backed Thrush.....	April 27th.....	Creve Coeur.....	Zahm
	April 27th.....	Forest Park.....	Selle
67. Bluebird.....	Suitable localities throughout the month		
68. Blue-gray Gnatcatcher.....	April 21st.....	Fayette.....	Jenner
69. Golden-crowned Kinglet.....	April 14th.....	Forest Park.....	Dede
70. Ruby-crowned Kinglet.....	Suitable localities throughout the month		

BIRD OBSERVED	TIME OF MONTH	PLACE	OBSERVERS
71. Cedar Waxwing.....	Suitable localities throughout the month		
72. American Pipit.....	April 12.....	Fayette.....	Jenner
73. Migrant Shrike.....	Suitable localities throughout the month		
74. Starling.....	Suitable localities throughout the month		
75. Warbling Vireo.....	April 27.....	Fayette.....	Jenner
	April 27.....	Creve Coeur.....	Zahm
	April 27.....	Forest Park.....	Selle
76. Red-eyed Vireo.....	April 27.....	Creve Coeur.....	Zahm
77. Black and White			
Warbler.....	April 27.....	Creve Coeur.....	Zahm
78. Prothonotary			
Warbler.....	April 27th.....	Creve Coeur.....	Zahm
79. Yellow Warbler.....	April 27th.....	Creve Coeur.....	Zahm
80. Myrtle Warbler.....	Suitable localities throughout the month		
81. Black-throated			
Green Warbler.....	April 27th.....	Creve Coeur.....	Zahm
82. Pine Warbler.....	April 25th.....	Forest Park.....	Selle
83. N. Yellowthroat.....	April 23rd.....	Fayette.....	Jenner
84. American Redstart.....	April 23rd.....	Forest Park.....	Selle
	April 27th.....	Creve Coeur.....	Zahm
85. English Sparrow.....	More or less common in cities, etc.		
86. Bobolink.....	April 27th.....	Creve Coeur.....	Zahm
88. E. Meadowlark.....	Suitable localities throughout the month		
89. Red-winged			
Blackbird.....	Suitable localities throughout the month		
90. Orchard Oriole.....	April 25th.....	Fayette.....	Jenner
91. Baltimore Oriole.....	April 27th.....	Creve Coeur.....	Zahm
92. Rusty Blackbird.....	April 21st.....	Fayette.....	Jenner
93. Bronzed Grackle.....	Suitable localities throughout the month		
94. Cowbird.....	Suitable localities throughout the month		
95. Cardinal.....	Suitable localities throughout the month		
96. Rose-breasted			
Grosbeak.....	April 23rd.....	Fayette.....	Jenner
97. Indigo Bunting.....	April 22.....	Fayette.....	Jenner
98. Dickcissel.....	April 27th.....	Creve Coeur.....	Zahm
99. E. Goldfinch.....	Suitable localities throughout the month		
100. Red-eyed Towhee.....	Suitable localities throughout the month		
101. Savannah Sparrow.....	April 21st.....	Fayette.....	Jenner
102. Grasshopper			
Sparrow.....	April 27th.....	Creve Coeur.....	Zahm
103. Leconte's Sparrow.....	April 14th.....	Fayette.....	Jenner
104. W. Henslow's			
Sparrow.....	April 14th.....	Fayette.....	Jenner
105. Vesper Sparrow.....	Suitable localities throughout the month		
106. Slate-colored			
Junco.....	April 20th.....	Sherman.....	Weber
107. Tree Sparrow.....	April 14th.....	Fayette.....	Jenner
108. Chipping Sparrow.....	Suitable localities throughout the month		
109. Field Sparrow.....	Suitable localities throughout the month		
110. White-crowned			
Sparrow.....	Suitable localities throughout the month		
111. White-throated			
Sparrow.....	Suitable localities throughout the month		
112. Lincoln's Sparrow.....	April 21st.....	Fayette.....	Jenner
113. Swamp Sparrow.....	Suitable localities throughout the month		
114. M. Song Sparrow.....	Suitable localities throughout the month		